

Immanuel United Church of Christ
141 N. Service Rd. West
Wright City, MO 63390



NEW START TIME ON
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 10:30 AM

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
OFFICE PH. 636-745-3864

DECEMBER 2019

			Roland Niemann	Reader/Usher
Dec 1	Beverley Willoughby	Greeter/Reader/Usher	Roger Nierman	Usher
	Brad Willoughby	Usher	Jackie Nierman	Guestbook/Usher
	Kolton Martin	Usher	Dec 22 Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher
	Karen Cox	Guestbook/Usher	Sandra Saunders	Reader/Usher
Dec 8	Abby Roseman	Greeter/Usher	Paul Nichols	Usher
	Mildred Groeper	Reader	Judy Engelage	Guestbook/Usher
	Mary Sue Sitton	Usher	Dec 29 Kelvin Lashley	Greeter/Usher
	Linda Martin	Usher	Whitney Schuenemeyer	Reader/Usher
	Lavelle Requat	Guestbook/Usher	Mason Newcomb	Usher
Dec 15	Terry Leap	Greeter/Usher	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher



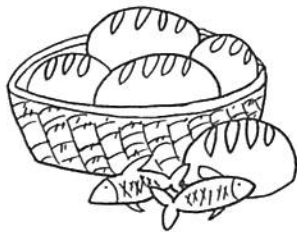
Wright City Community Food Pantry

It is our privilege to help those most vulnerable and underserved here in the Wright City area. The Wright City Community Food Pantry is again partnering with businesses, churches, and individuals for the Holiday Food Drive of 2019. We are simply neighbors helping neighbors. **Here are ways you can partner this year:**

1. Christmas Food Baskets

- Your group can provide the entire family basket. Below is a list of items needed. ***Feed as many families as you can!***
- You can provide any part of the meal or other canned food items. We'll make sure all the items get to the appropriate families.
- You are welcome to give monetary donations – and we will do the shopping for you! The cost is around \$50 per basket. Checks may be made out to Wright City Community Food Pantry. Please put in the memo section "Holiday Food Drive 2019". Mail to: Wright City Community Food Pantry, 521 W. Service Rd. N., Wright City, MO 63390.

Your donations can be dropped off at Legacy Drug Store in Wright City or the Church of the Nazarene in Wright City. We'll even come pick them up if you like! We would appreciate having all donations for Christmas meals by Dec. 8th.



2. Adopt a family for Christmas – Partnership with Parents as Teachers

There are underserved Wright City families who desire help with children's Christmas presents under the tree. The pantry is partnering with the Wright City Parents as Teachers and its director, Kamie Williams, to connect with these families in need. We will help you adopt a family that matches the resources you can provide. A list of suggestions will be given with clothes/toys/needs so you can purchase! You can also give a financial gift and we will do the shopping for you. This is a great option for families, businesses, or your office group to make a difference in a child's life! All donations to Kamie Williams by Dec. 9th @ the Wright City Middle School. For more info contact, Kamie Williams (cell 314.496.5525;

kamie.williams@wrightcity.k12.mo.us)

3. Christmas Toy Drive – Partnership with Kelly Hill, Shelter Insurance

We collectively took notice to the many children in our area who suffer the effects of poverty every day, continuously going without, knowing the luxuries like new toys or clothes are simply not available to them. We wanted to change this this holiday season. The Christmas Toy Drive is not just about the presents that children receive under their tree – it is about the gift of hope and wishes fulfilled. Drop off containers have been placed in businesses across the city. You can drop off a new, unwrapped toy in any of these barrels labeled until Dec. 12th. For more information contact, Kelly Hill (office 636.745.2514; khill@shelterinsurance.com).

If your business or group would like more information on any of these programs feel free to contact the leader or Pastor Joe Purl (cell 636.295.0540; church 636.745.3821; joeandkimpurl@gmail.com), we'd love to talk to you!

Christmas Food Baskets

Christmas Breakfast

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Sausage

Christmas Dinner

Ham
Potatoes
2 cans corn
2 cans green beans
Pie
12 dinner rolls
Canned gravy
Canned cranberry sauce
1 pound butter or margarine

Christmas Stocking for each child

Packet of Hot Cocoa
Candy cane
Either gloves, socks or hat
Small toy (cards, playdough, car, etc.)

Friendship Sunday / December 1

To celebrate Friendship Sunday and the beginning of the Advent Season, all members are encouraged to invite/bring a friend, neighbor, relative or a member who we haven't seen in church in a while.

We will be having a breakfast before worship at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Every Year our Christmas Eve offering is designated to benefit others. This year's Christmas Eve Offering will go to "Meals on Wheels."

6th Annual Chili Cook Off is January 19, 2020 after the Annual Meeting

Do you have a favorite chili recipe? If so, you need to enter our 6th Annual Chili Cook off on Sunday, January 19. Bring your special chili in a crockpot to Fellowship Hall by 9:30 am on the morning of the 19th. Chili will then be judged by our volunteer expert chili tasters. After the annual meeting that day, everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall to enjoy the variety of chili's and hotdogs. Everyone attending the lunch will also vote on the crowd favorite! Potato soup will be served for any non-chili eaters, so everyone of all ages can come join in the fun and fellowship.

The challenge is on to have lots of different chili's in the contest. Chili's are judged for spice factor, thickness as well as taste! Prizes will be awarded including the presentation of the traveling first place golden soup ladle. Last year's winner was Lavelle Requat. The more entries, the more fun!

ORDER YOUR ALTAR POINSETTIA'S NOW FOR

CHRISTMAS, SEE TERRY LEAP

Prayer List

Please keep all of our members in your prayers, especially the ones who are not able to attend services or those who are facing health issues. Alice Windmann is in charge of Immanuel's Care Committee. She sends notes or makes calls to members when she knows they are in hospital or having health concerns.

Also, members in need of prayers for any reason are listed in our weekly bulletins. Contact Margaret Viehmann to have names added or removed from the bulletin.

*******Please contact me, Debbie Meyer, if there has been a change in your phone, address or email. Also, please let me know if you have any children's addresses who may have moved out of your home or are in college. We would really like to get all the correct addresses we can.**

You can get in touch with me by phone, 636-459-5515 or 636-745-3319.

Email: dendebmeyer@yahoo.com or thru the church Facebook page.

We are on the WEB

Look for us at "immanuelucc.weebly.com"

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COUNCIL MEETING - October 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Kelvin Lashley.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Mary Sue Sitton, Beverley Willoughby, and Abby Roseman,

Council members absent: Terry Leap, and Aaron Wilber.

Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve the report by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Roland Niemann. The motion passed.

Correspondence was received from Kelsey Peterson Beebe for the entire congregation. I reads:

Dear Immanuel UCC,

Thank you all so much for such a generous wedding gift, and I loved getting a card with all of your names on it. You all are such a gift to me. I continue to hold you all in prayer. Thank you for the love you gave me and the love you pour out into this world.

All my love and gratitude,

Pastor Kelsey

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Abby Roseman and seconded by Donna Jones. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: There were reports for August and September to review. Abby Roseman made a motion to approve the reports and Roland Niemann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Kelvin Lashley reported that is working on arrangements for pastors in December. If Jay Weisner is licensed to administer communion then we would like to invite him for Christmas Eve service. John Silea has been invited for the first Sunday in December. The council discussed pay for guest pastors and it was determined to keep the pay the same for each weekly pastor at this time.

There is work being done on the posting for a pastoral position at Immanuel UCC and Zion UCC. The postings will be worded similarly and will need to make it clear that it is a shared pastor position.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: The furnaces in church were it working today. One had been making a noise and was turned off. The other would not come on this morning. The scheduled fall check will happen on October 15th. Some ceiling tile will need to be replaced that got wet when the furnace filter was changed.

Paul Saunders mentioned that the second faucet in the women's restroom in Fellowship Hall basement still needed to be replaced and that this would happen soon. He also noted that a flood light is broken right outside the church door. Someone noted a 2 x 4 board standing outside of church as well.

Kelvin Lashley noted that he found water on the steps to the church basement. After some discussion about whether it might be a roof leak or water coming in around the bell tower louvers, it was determined that a call to Kemco Aluminum who put on the roof was warranted.

Christian Workers: Mary Sue Sitton reported that our attendance for 5 Sundays in September resulted in 253 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 51.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Roseman reported that our Veterans Day celebration would be on November 10th. Stewardship Sunday is the same day.

On November 3rd worship service will honor all members who have passed during the last year and their family will be notified. At this time we believe that to be the families of Arlene Waguespak and Melvin Meyer.

A notice about Daylight Savings time will be in the bulletin on the last Sunday of October.

In Gathering Sunday will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving. All collections will go to the Wright City Community Food Pantry.

For the First Sunday in December it will be Friendship Sunday and the first Sunday of Advent. We will finalize the details about foods later but the current plan is to have a breakfast before church at 9:30 am.

Memorial: Another bid was obtained and given to Darryl Schmidt. There will need to be a comparison of bids since there is a discrepancy in the ones we currently have for the memorial job.

Pastor Relations: There is no new report at this time.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: The all church Halloween party is scheduled for October 27th at the Meyer Farm. Party begins at 3:00 pm. Costumes are welcome.

Women's' Fellowship: No concerns were reported at this time.

Evening Circle: The group just hosted guest day in October.

Mens' Club: Men's' group will be working on getting supplies ready for dinner in the spring.

Old Business: Jay Weisner seems to be struggling with the headset microphone. The headset does not stay on his head while he is preaching. The microphone on the reader's side seems to work but on the pastor's side of the altar the volume seems low. Council members who might have to change the volume wanted to be sure on the procedure to do this. Jay may have to get adjusted to speaking more directly into the microphone. There is also an option of clipping the microphone to a shirt instead of the headset.

New Business: Beverley Willoughby shared the gas and electric bills over the past year. Some months we had a higher usage and some months we had a lower usage than the past year. Our budget billing adjustment payment will be on the November statement.

With no further business to discuss, Beverley Willoughby made the motion to adjourn and Abby Roseman seconded. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Immanuel United Church of Christ – October 2019

\$72,020.85

GENERAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$30,408.00
10/1/2019	J & S Janitorial	#11668 cleaning september		\$276.00	\$30,132.00
10/4/2019	Guide One	ACH insur prem		\$1,199.08	\$28,932.92
10/7/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,614.00		\$30,546.92
10/8/2019	Susan Shumway	#11670 10/06 & 10/20 services		\$400.00	\$30,146.92
10/9/2019	Centurylink	ACH telephone & internet		\$207.53	\$29,939.39
10/11/2019	PWSD #2	ACH water & sewer		\$21.02	\$29,918.37
10/15/2019	Ameren	ACH gas church		\$395.00	\$29,523.37
10/15/2019	Ameren	ACH electric fellowship hall		\$193.00	\$29,330.37
10/15/2019	Ameren	ACH electric church		\$265.00	\$29,065.37
10/15/2019	Jay Wiesner	#11671 serv 10/13 & 10/27		\$400.00	\$28,665.37
10/16/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$539.00		\$29,204.37
10/17/2019	Grace Hauling	#11679 trash sept		\$43.98	\$29,160.39
10/21/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$1,108.00		\$30,268.39
10/21/2019	Schraer H&C	#11672 fall maintenance check		\$320.00	\$29,948.39
10/25/2019	Chris Sadler	#11674 mowing 4x sept		\$300.00	\$29,648.39
10/28/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$813.67		\$30,462.06
10/31/2019		Accr Earning Pmnt	\$3.91		\$30,465.97
10/31/2019		Transferred to Designated Funds		\$200.00	\$30,265.97
General Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$4,078.58	\$4,220.61	\$30,265.97

PROTECT OUR CHURCH FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$10,841.25
Protect Our Church Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$10,841.25

BENEVOLENT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$70.00
10/7/2019	Deposit	Neighbors in Need	\$120.00		\$190.00
10/7/2019	Deposit	OCWM	\$50.00		\$240.00
10/15/2019	WCCFP	#11664 benevolent payout		\$20.00	\$220.00
10/28/2019	Deposit	WCCFP	\$5.00		\$225.00
Benevolent Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$175.00	\$20.00	\$225.00

BUILDING FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$5,975.75
10/7/2019	Deposit	Offering	\$25.00		\$6,000.75
Building Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$25.00	\$-	\$6,000.75

MEMORIAL FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$16,681.08
Memorial Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$16,681.08

INDIAN CAMP CEMETERY FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,240.46
10/11/2019	Deposit	Interest cd xxxx6123	\$2.42		\$3,242.88
10/25/2019	Chris Sadler	#11674 mowing x2		\$100.00	\$3,142.88
Indian Camp Cemetery Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$2.42	\$100.00	\$3,142.88

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$936.85
Scholarship Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$936.85

PARKING LOT FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$3,755.14
Parking Lot Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$3,755.14

MUSIC FUND

Date	Recipient	Description	Received	Disbursed	Balance
	Beginning Balance				\$149.30
Music Fund Totals for October 31, 2019:			\$-	\$-	\$149.30

SUPER NOW CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTALS:	\$4,281.00	\$4,340.61	\$71,961.24
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2019

GENERAL FUND

OFFERING

\$ 3,656.00

INTEREST-AMERICAN BANK

218.67

\$ 3,874.67

BENEVOLENT FUND

OFFERING

\$ 50.00

W.C. FOOD PANTRY

5.00

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

120.00

175.00

BUILDING FUND

OFFERING

\$ 25.00

25.00

\$ 4,074.67

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 2019

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Debbie Meyer 3
Richard & Margaret Ramey 13
George & Linda Jaeger 17
Tony & Jane Blanton 22
Brenda & Rogers Wilkins 24
Terri & Richard Baker 27
William & Mary Mikus 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Emmet Brakensiek 1
Jesse Hollenbeck 2
Karen Cox 3
Sherry Hollenbeck 3
AJ Wilber 7
Gary Schlueter 8
Jason Case 9

Anthony Freund 9

Kenneth Niemann 13

Jacob Boyd 14

Taylor Windmann 17

Kody Martin 18

Rebecca Schriener 19

Leona May Cox 21

Robert Borgers 25

Jack Groeper 25

Sadie & Sophie Case 26

William Niemann 27

Whitney Schmitt 27

Phyllis Gentry 28

Treesa Reckamp 28

Philip Viehman 28

Raymond James Requat 29

In Gathering Sunday / November 24

When we help those in need in our community, we are part of God's work. All the donations will be giving to the Wright City Community Food Pantry. You can either bring in can goods or non-perishable food items to church, or place a monetary donation in the offering or mail to the church. Checks need to be payable to "Wright City Food Pantry." Please mark on memo or envelope food pantry donation. Let's show our thanks in November by sharing with oth-

Stewardship Moment

2 Corinthians 8:9

God Has Given You a Gift

"Do we have to buy her a present? Him, too?"

"You don't need to get him/her a real expensive gift."

"Well, they gave me a gift last year."

Have you heard any of these comments during the Christmas season? Our motives for buying some gifts may be based on courtesy, duty, or tradition-all of which may not be bad but certainly fall short of motives such as love or "because I want to." Sometimes we may not be sure what our motives are; we just think we have to give a gift.

The Bible makes clear that Christ's motive for giving Himself to and for us was that we "might become rich." The gift has been given-verified in history, record clearly by all the Gospel writers, and experienced by multitudes of believers. God gave His Son, who willingly gave Himself for us. His motive: that we might become rich-rich in faith, rich in Christ, rich in hope, rich in eternal life, and rich in love. There is only one explanation for such giving: grace, unearned and undeserved love of God for us. What a gift!

Source: Ernest D. Standerfer – "The Seasons of Stewardship"

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Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Terry Leap	636-384-0410
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954





Glad Tidings: Hidden Word Puzzle for CHRISTMAS

ANGELS
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
CAESAR AUGUSTUS
CENSUS
CITY OF DAVID
FLOCKS
FRANKINCENSE
GALILEE

GABRIEL
GLORY TO GOD
GOLD
GOOD WILL
GOSPEL
HEROD
HOPE
HOST
IMMANUEL
JESUS

INN
JEWS
JOSEPH
JOY
LIGHT
LUKE
LOVE
MANGER
MAGI
MARY
MESSIAH

MIRACLE
MYRRH
PEACE
ROOM
SHEPHERDS
SON
STABLE
STAR
SWADDLE
TAX
WISE MEN

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